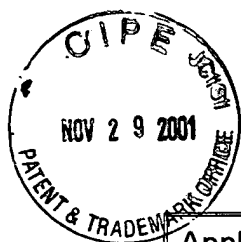


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As a means of complying with duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant lists the following references which were cited in the related cases U.S. Patent No. 6,297,479 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/911,303. Since copies of all these references should already exist in the parent file, they are not enclosed. Applicant will provide additional copies upon request if necessary for consideration of the reference(s) by the Examiner.

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